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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director/OPPB

SUBJECT : [] Contract

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1. Attached is a contract proposal prepared by the Office of Communications for the development of an automated test system. This system employs a desk-size computer. The two systems being requested will be used to test a series of "coder/keyers" currently being delivered.

2. The availability of these systems will result in appreciable man hour savings along with a potential dollar savings. The Office of Communications has investigated alternatives to this proposal, chief among them the possibility of using existing computer equipment for this work. This equipment is located [] Communications people estimate that the software development costs involved in making use of this on-site equipment are about equivalent to the savings expected from acquiring these two systems. They also point out that [] proposal will provide a relatively simple method for changing program parameters and then being able to test other equipment. A software package for on-site equipment would be less flexible.

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3. One of these systems will be housed [] and one with the contractor. The contractor equipment will be moved to [] on completion of the contract (12 to 18 months). There will be a continuing use for both systems.

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